

Every Stroke Inspired: Embracing Jesus' High View of Scripture – Pt. 4

Matthew 5:17–20

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MAIN IDEA: The heart of the Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' explanation of the Old Testament Scripture—the fact that He didn't come to abolish it but to fulfill it. In other words, Jesus embraced the Old Testament and held a high view of it during His life in ministry. But the question for you is: What is your view of the Bible? As citizens of Jesus' kingdom, our view of Scripture must replicate Jesus' view—that is, a true subject of Jesus' spiritual kingdom must have a right relationship to Scripture

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)
- II. Adopt Jesus' View of Scripture (18)
- III. Apply Jesus' Diagnosis with Scripture (19-20)
 - A. The Dishonorable Disciple (19a)
 1. His Spiritual Status—"in the kingdom"
 2. His Treatment of Scripture
 - Whoever annuls one of the least of these commandments"
 - Whoever...teaches others to do the same."
 3. His Spiritual Condition—"called least"
 - B. The Honorable Disciple (19b)
 1. His Spiritual Status—"in the kingdom"
 2. His Treatment of Scripture—"keeps and teaches"
 3. His Spiritual Condition—"called great"

The NT on the OT Law

1. Believers are no longer required to obey the OT ceremonial laws (Mk. 7:19; Col. 2:16-17; Heb. 10:9-10).
2. The overarching responsibility for civil law has been transferred to the government of each nation (Rom. 13:1-5). The moral aspects of the OT law—summarized in the 10 Commandments—are still required of all people, believers and unbelievers (Mt. 5:21ff; Eph. 6:1-3; Jam. 2:8-13).

Common Ways Christians Downplay God's Word

1. Trusting another authority more than Scripture
2. Elevating personal experience over Scripture
3. Emphasizing personal revelation over Scripture
4. Abusing Scripture in corporate worship

5. Neglecting Scripture for personal activities
6. Reinterpreting Scripture to fit popular cultural ideas
7. Undermining its authority in the lives of believers.
8. Failing to obey Scripture's commands

BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

1. Read Colossians 2:16–17. What do these verses teach us about the relationship between the Old Testament sacrificial system and Jesus Christ? What does this verse teach about keeping the Saturday Sabbath? What should our view of the Lord's day be? Discuss.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Before coming to faith in Jesus Christ, what other sources did you trust in as your authority rather than the Bible? Now that you are in Christ, do you still allow other sources of authority to govern your life? Discuss.
2. What does your daily/weekly schedule look like in terms of reading, meditating, and prayer? Do personal activities and entertainment often keep you from established patterns? If you do have a set plan for your engagement with Scripture, what are practical tips you'd give others in this?